



Notice of Public Workshop and CEQA Scoping Meeting

PROPOSED AMENDED RULE 1173 – CONTROL OF VOLATILE ORGANIC COMPOUND LEAKS AND RELEASES FROM COMPONENTS AT PETROLEUM FACILITIES AND CHEMICAL PLANTS



Tuesday, April 3, 2007

1:30 p.m.

AQMD Headquarters

21865 Copley Drive

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Auditorium

Purpose of the Meeting

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) has scheduled a public workshop to solicit information and suggestions from the public on **Proposed Amended Rule (PAR) 1173 – Control of Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) Leaks and Releases from Components at Petroleum Facilities, Lubricating Oil and Grease Re-Refiners and Chemical Plants.**

PAR 1173 will be considered for adoption by the AQMD Governing Board at a public hearing tentatively scheduled for *June 1, 2007*. This public workshop will allow comments and discussion of PAR 1173 with all public members including potentially impacted stakeholders and other interested parties.

Air Quality Objective

The air quality objective of Proposed Amended Rule 1173 is to reduce emissions of VOC from the following components: valves, fittings, pumps, compressors, pressure relief devices, diaphragms, hatches, sight-glasses, and meters. Affected facilities are refineries, chemical plants, lubricating oil and grease re-refiners, marine terminals, oil and gas production fields, natural gas processing plants, and pipeline transfer stations. These emission reductions are necessary for the AQMD to attain and maintain state and

federal air quality standards for this region.

Background on Rule 1173

Currently, Rule 1173 controls light liquid and gaseous VOC leaks from components, such as valves, fittings, pumps, compressors, pressure relief devices, hatches, meters, diaphragms, and sight-glasses at refineries, chemical plants, oil and gas production sites, natural gas processing plants, and pipeline transfer stations. The rule also requires refineries and chemical plants to monitor and report releases from atmospheric pressure relief devices (PRDs).

Proposed Amendments

The proposed amendments include the following:

- Require lubricating oil and grease re-refiners and marine terminals to implement a leak detection and repair program, recordkeeping and reporting, as well as require the monitoring and reporting of releases from atmospheric PRDs ;
- Require enhanced monitoring of atmospheric PRDs at refineries;
- Amend the monitoring, recordkeeping and reporting requirements for atmospheric PRDs; and
- Clarification of rule language including addition of definitions.

California Environmental Quality Act

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and AQMD Rule 110, an Environmental Assessment (EA) will be prepared to analyze any potential adverse environmental impacts associated with the proposed amendments to Rule 1173. This public workshop also serves as a CEQA scoping meeting to solicit public input on the scope of the analysis to be included in the EA.

Comments received at the public workshop on the environmental analysis will be considered when preparing the EA.

Comments and suggestions regarding the CEQA Analysis for PAR 1173 should be directed to:

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Submission of Documents or Comments

The public is requested to send documents, studies, data, reports, comments and any other information relevant to PAR 1173 by **April 6, 2007** to:

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Supporting Documents and Other Relevant Information

The following supporting documents will be available on the AQMD website at <http://www.aqmd.gov/rules/proposed.html> prior to the workshop:

- Preliminary Draft PAR 1173
- Preliminary Draft Staff Report for PAR 1173

Copies of the above documents may also be obtained from:

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